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AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

## Banks.

LONDON.—F. ALAN, 11 & 12, Clement's Lane, Lombard Street, E.C. GEORGE STAKER & Co., 80, Cornhill, GORDON & GOTCH, Ludgate Circus, E.C. BATES, HENRY & Co., 4, Old Jerry, E.C. SAMUEL DEACON & Co., 160 & 164, Leadenhall Street.

PARIS AND EUROPE:—LEON DE ROSTY, 19, Rue Monceau, Paris.

NEW YORK.—ANDREW WIND, 188, Nassau Street.

AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, AND NEW ZEALAND:—GORDON & GOTCH, Melbourne and Sydney.

SAN FRANCISCO and American Ports generally:—BEAN & BLACK, San Francisco.

SINGAPORE AND STRAITS:—SAYLE & Co., Square, Singapore. C. HEINRICH & Co., Manila.

CHINA:—MACAO, MEISSNER A. A. DE MELLO & Co., SANTOS, CAMPBELL & Co. AMoy, WILSON, NICHOLS & Co., FOOCHEE, HEDGE & Co., Shanghai, LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., and KELLY & WALSH, Yokohama, LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

## Banks.

CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA.

CAPITAL, £200,000. RESERVE FUND, £150,000. Bankers.

THE BANK OF ENGLAND.

THE CITY BANK.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND.

THE BANK'S BRANCH IN HONGKONG grants Drafts on London and the Chief Commercial places in Europe & the East; buys and receives for collection Bills of Exchange, and conducts all kinds of Banking and Exchange Business.

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.

On CURRENT ACCOUNTS, 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

On FIXED DEPOSITS.

For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.

" 6 " " 4 per cent.

" 12 " " 5 per cent.

WILLIAM FORREST,

Manager.

Hongkong, May 10, 1880.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, 5,000,000 Dollars. RESERVE FUND, 1,500,000 Dollars.

COURT OF DIRECTORS.

Chairman:—The Hon. W. KNICKER. Deputy Chairman:—A. MULIER, Esq.

ADOLPH ANDRE, Esq. H. D. C. FORBES, Esq. E. R. BRILLIUS, Esq. H. HOPFUS, Esq. H. L. DALMIPPLE, Esq. F. D. SASOON, Esq. W. S. YOUNG, Esq.

CHIEF MANAGER.

Hongkong, THOMAS JACKSON, Esq. Manager.

Shanghai, EWAN CAMERON, Esq.

LONDON BANKERS.—London and County Bank.

HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED.

On Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

For Fixed Deposits:

For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.

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LOCAL BANK DISCOUNTED.

Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON,

Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation,

No. 1, Queen's Road East.

Hongkong, August 16, 1880.

COMPTOIR DES COMPTES DE PARIS.

(Incorporated 1st & 18th March, 1848.)

RECOGNIZED by the INTERNATIONAL EXPOSITION OF 1862.

CAPITAL FULLY PAID-UP, £3,200,000. RESERVE FUND, £200,000.

HEAD OFFICE—14, Rue Belgrave, PARIS.

AGENCEES AND BRANCHES at:

LONDON, BOURBON, SAN FRANCISCO, MARSEILLE, BOMBAY, HONGKONG, LYONS, CALCUTTA, HANKOW, NANTES, SHANGHAI, WOOCHOW, MELBOURNE.

LONDON BANKERS:—THE BANK OF ENGLAND, THE UNION BANK OF LONDON.

The Hongkong Agency receives Fixed Deposits on Terms to be ascertained on application for Drafts and Credits on all parts of the World, and transacts every description of Banking and Exchange Business.

E. G. YOUVILLE, Manager, Shanghai.

Hongkong, May 20, 1879.

## Banks.

ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION.  
(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

PAID-UP CAPITAL, £1,500,000.

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.

At 3 months' notice 3% per Annum.

" 6 " " 4% "

" 12 " " 5% "

Current Accounts kept on Terms which may be learnt on application.

GEO. O. SCOTT,

Acting Manager.

Oriental Bank Corporation,  
Hongkong, September 4, 1879.

## Notices of Firms.

### NOTICE.

MR. ERNST LUDWIG REUTER has been authorized to sign our Firm for Procurement,

PUSTAU & Co.

Hongkong, October 18, 1880. no18

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WILLIAM FORREST,

Manager.

Hongkong, May 10, 1880.

## Entertainment.

THEATRE DE LA ROYAL.

### CITY HALL,

HONGKONG.

THE HONGKONG AMATEUR DRAMATIC CLUB.

FIRST PERFORMANCE OF THE SEASON,

TO-MORROW EVENING,

11th Nov., 1880.

New Men and Old Actres,"

Admission, 50c by Tickets only.

Tickets may be secured and Tickets obtained at Meissner LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., and after MONDAY, the 8th November.

Performance commences at 9 P.M. PUNICALLY.

Hongkong, November 10, 1880. no12

## St. ANDREW'S HALL.

M. R. F. WARRINGTON EASTLAKE

will deliver a Lecture on the

CONFUCIUS INSCRIPTIONS,

On MONDAY EVENING,

Nov. 15, at 9 p.m.

Proceeds to go to the CITY HALL FUND.

Admission, . . . . . \$1.

Tickets to be had at Meissner LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Hongkong, November 5, 1880. no16

## Auctions.

AUCTION OF ELEGANT PARISIAN-MADE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, PIANO, PLATED-WARE, PICTURES, ENGLISH AND AMERICAN BILLIARD TABLES, &c., &c.

J. LLEWELLYN & Co., from JAPAN SPRING WATER AT THEIR STEAM AERATED WATER FACTORY, Shanghai.

Agents in Hongkong:—Meissner LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Hongkong, July 31, 1880. no18

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AUCTION OF ELEGANT PARISIAN-MADE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, PIANO, PLATED-WARE, PICTURES, ENGLISH AND AMERICAN BILLIARD TABLES, &c., &c.

M. R. F. WARRINGTON EASTLAKE

will receive instructions to sell by Public Auction, (under Power contained in Bill of Sale and under Distraint for Rent), on

THURSDAY,

the 11th November, at Noon,—

THE STOCK-IN-TRADE, FURNITURE, &c., &c.

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## For Sale.

**MacEWEN, FRICKEL & Co.**  
HAVE JUST RECEIVED EX-  
"AMERICAN MAIL."

Primo Eastern CHEESE.  
Young American CHEESE.  
Pine Apple CHEESE.  
California BUTTER.  
HOPS AND MALT.  
Lamb's TONGUES.  
Soused Pig's FEET.  
Split PEAS.  
Assorted JAMS.  
Assorted VEGETABLES.  
Assorted MEATS.  
Assorted SOUPS.

CODFISH.  
Pig's Head CHEESE.  
Devilled HAM.  
CAVIARE.  
California Golden SYRUP.  
CIDER.

Whittaker's HAMS.  
Breakfast BACON.  
COMB HONEY in Frame and  
Bottle.  
Pickled OX-TONGUES.  
Pickled PIG'S PORK.  
Boneless CODFISH.  
Salmon BILGES.  
MACKEREL.

Green TURTLE, 1lb. and 2lb. Tins.  
Borden's Condensed MILK (very fresh).  
CALIFORNIA BISCUITS in Cask and Tins.  
Ginger CAKES.  
Milk BISCUITS.  
Soda BISCUITS.  
Wafer BISCUITS.  
Alphabet BISCUITS.  
Oyster BISCUITS.

Buckwheat FLOUR.  
CORNMEAL.  
RYE MEAL.  
HOMINY, Small and Large.  
CRACKED WHEAT.  
OATMEAL.

SHELLBACK NUTS.  
PECAN NUTS.  
WALNUTS.  
SOFT SHELL ALMONDS.  
PEA NUTS.

Canned Table Fruits.  
Bartlett PEARS.  
PEACHES.  
GREENGAGES.  
APRICOTS.  
QUINCES.  
etc., &c.

Tart FRUITS.  
Smoked BEEF.  
Smoked OX-TONGUES.  
Compressed OX-TONGUES.  
MINCE MEAT.  
Compressed Corned BEEF.  
Assorted LINES in Glass Jars.  
Mixed PICKLES.  
Assorted PICKLES.  
Corned BEEF.  
Olive OLIVES.  
Giant CHOWDER.  
Sausage MEAT.  
California SARDINES.  
POKE and BEANS.  
Yeast POWDER.  
Smoked SALMON.  
POKE in 20lb. Barrels.  
BEEF in 20lb. Barrels.  
Fruit BUTTER.  
Cranberry SAUCE.  
Apple SAUCE.  
Butter BEANS.  
Brown BEANS.

We have the following FOR SALE, in  
Large or Small Quantities in Bulk:—  
Fine Valenta RAISINS.  
Fine Faras CURRANTS.  
Smyrna FIGS.  
Good Breakfast TEA at 25 Cents per lb.  
Fine MIXTURE in 5 & 10 Catty Boxes.

GROSSE & BLACKWELL'S  
HOUSEHOLD STORES.

JOHN MOIR & Sons'  
CELEBRATED PRESERVES.

We beg to direct special attention to our  
well selected Stock of  
Wines, Spirits, &c.

Heidrich & Co's MONOPOLY, Pts. & Qua.  
McNamee's (Jules) CHAMPAGNE, Pts. & Qua.  
CHARLES HEIDRICH'S WHITE SEAL,  
Pinta and Quarts.

CHATEAU LA ROCHE (CURCIER & ADEB'S),  
Pinta and Quarts.  
CHATEAU LAFITE, Pinta and Quarts.  
IRES GRAVES, Pinta and Quarts.  
BREAKFAST CLARET, Pinta and Quarts.  
OLD INVALID CLARET.  
ST. JULIEN, &c., &c.

Burgundy, Hock, Sherries, &c.  
Chambord, Chablis (white), Liebfraumilch,  
Hockheimer, Niersteiner, Steinberger  
Cabinet, Kunderhheimer Berg, Konig  
nina Victoria Berg, Chateau  
Yquem, Grand Vin, Haut  
Sauterne, Marie, Haut  
clos, Pau, D'Y, White Seal,  
Sherry, Yellow Seal, Amontillado  
Sherry, Cutler Palmer and Company's  
Sherry, Invalid Port (1848), Hunt's Port.

Brandy, Whisky, Liqueurs, &c.  
1, 2 and 3-star, Hennesy's Brandy, La  
Grande Marque Brandy, Cutler Palmer  
& Co's Brandy, 1 & 2 star.

Fine Old Bourbon Whisky, highly recommended.  
Kinahan's Irish Whisky,  
Jameson's Irish Whisky, Royal  
Glenlivet Whisky.

AVH Grahams Wine & Co's Old Tom  
Gin, La Grande Chartreuse, Green  
and Yellow, Maraschino de Zara,  
Cognac, Pts. & Qua.; Angostura  
Bitter, Boker's and Orange  
Bitters, &c., &c., &c.

BASS' ALE, bottled by CAMERON & SAW-  
DERS, Pinta and Quarts.  
GUINNESS'S STOUT, bottled by E. & J.  
BUCK, Pinta and Quarts.

PILSENER BEER, in Quarts.  
DRAUGHT ALE and PORTER, by the  
Gallon.

FINE ALE, bottled by Macf., F. & Co.  
ALE and PORTER, in Bulk (Hogsheads  
and Kilderkins).

SHIPS' STORES and SAIL-MAKING.

Hongkong, October 8, 1880.

## Mails.

Occidental & Oriental Steam-  
Ship Company.

TAKING THROUGH CARGO AND  
PASSENGERS FOR THE UNITED  
STATES AND EUROPE,  
IN CONNECTION WITH THE  
CENTRAL  
and  
UNION PACIFIC AND CONNECTING  
RAILROAD COMPANIES

ATLANTIC STEAMERS.

THE S. S. "BELIEF" will be despatched  
for San Francisco via Yokohama,  
on SATURDAY, 13th November, 1880, at  
3 p.m., taking Cargo and Passengers for  
the United States, Mexico, Central  
and South America, and Europe.

Connection is made at Yokohama, with  
Steamers from Shanghai.

Freight will be received on Board until  
4 p.m. of the 12th November. PARCEL  
PACKAGES will be received at the Office  
until 5 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages  
should be marked to address in full; value  
of same is required.

A REDUCTION is made on RETURN PAS-  
SAGE TICKETS.

Agents invited to accompany Over-  
land, Mexican, Central and South American  
Lines, should be sent to the Company's  
Offices addressed to the Collector of Cus-  
toms, San Francisco.

For further information as to Freight  
or Passage, apply to the Agency of the  
Company, No. 37, Queen's Road Central.

CHAS. H. HASWELL, Jr.,  
Agent.

Hongkong, October 23, 1880. no13



MITSU BISHI MAIL STEAMSHIP  
COMPANY.

STEAM TO YOKOHAMA VIA KOBE.

THE S. S. "KOKONOE MARU", Capt.  
J. D. THILLESEN, due hereon or about the  
8th instant, will be despatched as above  
on SATURDAY, the 13th November, at  
Daylight.

Cargo received on board and Parcels at  
the Office up to 6 p.m. of 12th November.  
No BILL of Lading signed under \$2  
Freight.

All Claims must be settled on board  
before delivery is taken, otherwise they  
will not be recognized.

RATES OF PASSAGE.

To KOBE.....\$ 04.....\$ 15  
YOKOHAMA & NAGASAKI.....75.....20  
SHANGHAI via YOKOHAMA.....120.....40  
".....KOBE.....95.....30

A REDUCTION is made on RETURN CABIN  
PASSENGERS.

CARGO and PASSENGERS for Nagasaki  
will be transhipped to the Shanghai Mail  
Steamer at Kobe.

For further Particulars, apply at the  
Company's OFFICES, No. 60, QUEEN'S  
Road CENTRAL.

Hongkong, July 25, 1872.

STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG, POINT DE  
GALLE, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, MALTA, GIBRALTAR,  
BRINDISI, ANCONA, VENICE, SOUTHAMPTON, AND LONDON;  
ALSO,

BOMBAY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA, AND  
AUSTRALIA.

N.B.—Cargo can be taken on through Bills  
of Lading for BATAVIA, PERSIAN  
GULF PORTS, MARSEILLE, TRIESTE, HAMBURG, NEW YORK  
AND BOSTON.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, October 1, 1880. loc81

POLICIES granted on Marine Risks to all  
parts of the World.

Subject to a charge of 12 1/2 % for Interest

on Shareholders' Capital, all the Profits  
of the Underwriting Business are an-  
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of Business in proportion to the Premium  
paid by them.

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HEAD OFFICE—SHANGHAI.  
Messrs RUSSELL & Co., Secretaries.

LONDON BRANCH:

Messrs BARING BROTHERS & Co.,  
Bankers.

RICHARD BLACKWELL, Esq., Agent,  
68 and 69, Cornhill.

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## THE CHINA MAIL.

merely to its ordinary level. The Commissioner then goes into details respecting the imports, some of which are interesting, particularly those relating to the Opium trade; but these may be dealt with hereafter.

Under the heading of Exports the report sets forth that with regard to tea there is nothing in the figures representing the total export for 1879 which is specially noteworthy. The total export for that year fell slightly short of that of 1878 and 1877. The fact that fully two-thirds of the export of last year took place during the October—December quarter constitutes the principal feature of the tea trade at Canton during 1879. Some interesting remarks from the pen of a gentleman intimately acquainted with the Canton market are given as to the tea trade, and a review of the silk trade, by Mr H. F. Dent is also embodied in the report.

The last paragraph of the report which we now summarise (for the facts and the language are alike the Commissioner's and we have introduced but little comment) concerns itself with the revenue for the year, which was the largest sum (H.K. Tls. 1,083,144) collected in any year since 1863. A comparison of the revenue of the past year with 1878 shows an advantage on the side of the former of H.K. Tls. 104,178, which increase is thus made up:

On Imports,	H.K. Tls. 29,176
On Exports,	66,385
On Coast trade,	4,707
On Tonnage dues,	3,909

The Commissioner remarks that the increased receipts under the heading of imports are wholly due to the larger quantities of piece goods and of opium passed through the Foreign Customs, and that the collection on exports was unusually large. The article that has mainly contributed to the improvement under this heading is silk; but cassia, canes, and fire-crackers are also worthy of mention. As regards the distribution of duties under the different flags there is very little disturbance of last year's percentage to be noticed.

We would only add that, to our mind, the report of the Commissioner at Canton is a model trade report in its form, its style, and because of the succinctness and common-sense that eminently characterise it. It is a pleasure to handle such a paper, and the annual volume would be ten thousand times more valuable than it is at the present time were the Inspector General of Customs at Peking in a position to induce other Commissioners to take a leaf out of Mr. M'kenzie's book.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The next ENGLISH MAIL may be expected here on or about the 12th inst., (Friday next) by the P. & O. steamer *Ancon*, which brings London dates to the 8th ult.

The next AMERICAN MAIL may be expected here on or about the 17th inst., by the P. & O. steamer *City of Peking*, which brings San Francisco dates to the 10th ult.

Mr W. S. Scruggs, the new American Consul for Canton, arrived here to-day from Shanghai by the S.S. *Yangtze* and proceeds to Canton to-morrow to take up his duties.

It will be noted from an advertisement in another column that the time of the despatch of the Netherlands Indian Steam Navigation Company's Steamer has been changed to Daylight on the 12th, instead of Noon of that day, as formerly advertised.

The maximum reading of the thermometer at the Harbour Master's Office during the week ending Oct. 29 was 82 on that day; the minimum 71, which was the reading on Saturday and the two following days, and again on Wednesday and Thursday. The corresponding figures at the Peak (1,823 feet) were 74 on Friday and 68 on Monday.

We would remind our readers of the Amateur Dramatic performance which is fixed for to-morrow night—"New Men and Old Aces." The piece, it will be remembered, is pretty lengthy, and punctuality is therefore most desirable on the part of the audience as well as of the actors. It is not, we think, too much to ask of the entertained to facilitate the arrangements of their entertainers by taking their seats a little before 9 o'clock. Much confusion and discomfort will thereby be avoided.

THE British barque *Fletcher*, 733 tons, Captain Croydon, which left this port on the 11th October for San Francisco, is stated to have been lost on the Pratas Shoals. The crew has been landed by a junk at Macao, and has been sent thence by the Authorities to the Harbour Master here, so that certain statements he has to make may be taken in due form before a properly constituted Court. His story is said to be a strange contradiction. He states that the Captain and crew saved themselves in the ship's boat, although nothing had yet been heard of them from any other source. On the other hand his narrative is so tinged as to suggest a partial dealing with the ship.

The American barkentine *Anna S. Hall*, from Newchwang, reports: Cleared on the 22nd of October, but owing to adverse winds, was unable to cross over the bar until the 28th; had fresh breezes and sailed down the Gulf until off Liu-ki-Shan Promontory, when it commenced to blow a strong gale from the N.E. with a high sea, which lasted until round the N.E. Promontory of Shantung. Nov. 3rd, experienced a heavy gale from the S.W. attended with a tremendous sea carried away the fore top-gallant mast, mast yards all going over the bows, carrying away the fore topmast cross-trees, lost bulwarks and side ports. Had very strong gale with very high sea down the Formosa Channel; from Breaker Point fresh N.E. and S.E. winds, clear and pleasant weather to port.

At the request of the U. S. Consul here (Col. Moyle) the American Admiral has sent down from Shanghai the U. S. corvette *Alert*, which arrived here to-day, to investigate the circumstances of the wreck of the *James Bailey*, to which public attention here has been already strongly drawn. The *Alert* will proceed hence to Hainan. The wreck of the *James Bailey* has been sold since the corvette received telegraphic instructions to enquire into this matter, but we should not imagine this would interfere in any way with the object of this special mission. The *Alert* left Shanghai on Sunday morning at 5 o'clock, and experienced fine weather throughout the passage. The *Alert* has not visited this port during her present cruise, which was begun in November last. During her previous cruises, which commenced in 1875 she visited Hongkong. The *Alert* is a corvette of registered tonnage 1010 tons, carrying four guns.

The following are the Officers:

Captain Commanding,	O. E. Huntington.
Chief Lieutenant,	H. G. Hunter.
Chief Engineer,	E. Farren.
Navigating Lieut.,	R. G. Pack.
Lieutenants,	J. D. Deane, W. C. Clayton.
Surgeon,	F. H. Holmes, H. B. Towsey.
Paymaster,	O. M. Tiffaney.
Sergeant,	G. Seligford.

She carries also five midshipmen, Captains and Paymaster's clerks and Engineers Cadets.

We are now able to give some further particulars of the mishap to the Danish brig *Dagmar*, which was noted in our last night's issue. Captain Paulsen reports: Left Hongkong Oct. 22nd for Manila. From that date up to the 27th had strong north-east monsoon. On the morning of 27th the wind increased to a heavy gale; the ship was headed to the northward and all made fast on board. At noon the Barometer was down to 28.65, the lowest reading during the storm. At 2 p.m. (in lat. 17.20, long. 117.26) the gale was at its height, and after taking a heavy sea, the ship rolled over on her beam ends. Both boats were lost and the rudder carried away, everything on deck being swept away, and one man washed overboard and carried out of reach. Cut away both masts before the vessel would right herself, the sea meanwhile making a clear breach over her. From 8 till 10 the wind veered round from East to West. On 28th still blowing a gale, and on the 29th wind decreasing, rigged up a jury mast, and on the following day another mast and jury rudder, and headed the ship towards the China Coast, wind still decreasing in violence. From the 1st of Nov. had fine weather. On the 6th sighted the Pratas, and on the 8th the D'Aguilar light, from thence being taken in tow by the steam-launch *Kaiser* arriving at anchorage about 8 p.m., on the 8th inst., having done 650 miles in eleven days under jury masts.

Press CHANGES.—The changes in the Press in the Far East have been frequent of late. Mr Preston, who is known in Hongkong and had been for some years manager of the *Courier* at Shaogha, has gone to Australia, and is engaged on some up-country paper there. Mr Trenwith succeeded him as manager, and has now taken up the Editorship as well. Mr J. H. Johnson, who went out from London to the *Courier* a few months ago and conducted the paper for some time, resigned the Editorship and reverted to the position of sub-editor and shorthand reporter. On the *Mercury* staff also there have been some changes. Mr MacFarlane, who went out from the London office of the *Scotsman* to join the *Courier* a few years ago, and went over to the *Mercury* on the new paper starting, has returned from Hiogo where he has been editing the *News* for some six months, succeeding there Mr Liddell, and now resumes his position in the *Mercury* office.

There is now in the press, we believe, a volume of "Sketches in Shanghai" by this gentleman, the basis of which first saw the light in a series of articles which appeared in the *Mercury* last year. We regret to note the death at Hiogo of Mr Oxley, a former employee of that paper who had just returned from San Francisco, and only resumed work a few weeks ago. He will be succeeded by Mr Greagh, from Yokohama; temporarily, we are informed. We learn from another source that Mr Howell, who is well known in China and Japan, is likely to come out again from Home to take up the Editorship of the *N. C. Daily News*. This gentleman is a public worker of ability and great experience, and his resumption of public life in this part of the world would be a welcome acquisition, and one that might do good to the country.

In a letter, written by Rev. C. R. Mills (Tung-chow), and published in the *Colossal Empire* of 21st ult., the writer forcibly answers an article which appeared in the same journal passing certain strictures upon the Protestant Missionaries of Presbyterian and other of the older Societies. The article was, in our opinion, a somewhat hasty, ill-considered and superficial "dash" at Missionaries in China based upon the "as-yet unproved charges against the Blantyre Missionaries in Africa. Because a charge has been brought against certain Presbyterian workers in Africa, the Presbyterians in China come terribly short of their duty. So the Empire writer seems to have reasoned; and upon this foundation of sand, he proceeded to make a most unfair attack upon the older Societies generally, by quoting and comparing the more excellent work

done in the interior by the China Inland Mission in connection with the China Famine Relief Fund. This was evidently an effusion from the pen of one who knew absolutely nothing of his subject. By far the greatest amount of disinterested and noble labour done in this grand enterprise was performed by the older Missionary bodies, merely because their members greatly outnumber those of the China Inland Mission.

Nothing, however, could be in worse taste than for a public writer to institute comparisons in a case where all creeds and nationalities combined in one great effort to do good to their starving fellow-men. No one, we believe, whatever his views might be upon the various means adopted to evangelise this part of the human race, will deny that the Missionaries of North-China fully proved the sincerity of their beliefs and their worthy, disinterested steadfastness to duty, even unto death, in the great efforts made by one and all to relieve the distress of China on that occasion. Creeds were left behind in the eagerness to save the dying people; and sensible men will well let these rest while commenting upon the gratifying result. After the salutary lesson received at the hands of the forcible clerical correspondent referred to, the anti-missionary writer in the *Courier* will doubtless be more careful in the future. Mr Mills, however, in his answer, omits all mention of the special efforts made by the Rev. Arnold Foster, who went to England to beat up for Famine Relief funds. Mr Foster ought to have obtained a special niche.

The following probable dates of sailing from England for China are taken from the latest English papers to hand:—

Gloucester,	from London, Oct. 2.
Hartlepool,	" Do, 26.
Gloucester,	" Liverpool, " 6.
Ulysses,	" London, " 6.
Glenavy,	" Do, 12.
Kennedy Castle,	" Do, 17.
Radnorshire,	" Do, 17.

THE Straits Times, referring to the last trip of the *Bowen* being the final run of any of the E. & A. Company's boats under this contract with the Queensland Government, says:—

The development of trade between this Colony and Australia by this line of steamers has been on rather an insignificant scale, and this has been partly due to the prohibitive rates of freight and partly to China cargo being more remunerative, as well as being incompatible with the carriage of Straits spices.

EARL GRANVILLE, Foreign Office, has received from the Suez Canal Directors (Messrs J. Stoker, C. Rivers Wilson, and Edward J. Standish) the following communication dated Paris, Sept. 8, which has been sent to the Press by the Board of Trade for publication:—

We have the honour to report that the improvement in the direction of the Suez Canal through Lake Timsah, which we reported in our despatch No. 11 of the 31st March last as already undertaken, has now been completed. The present direction is now on an uniform curve, with a radius of 681 metres, which is the best for uniting the divergent directions of the Canal on entering and leaving the lake. The maximum width of the canal is 1000 feet, and the depth 20 feet. The water is now deeper, and the current less rapid, and the risk of collision is considerably reduced.

Complainant and the two defendants, were ordered to enter into their own recognisances in \$25 each, to keep the peace for three months.

THE INTRUSIVE GAMEMASTER.

Hung Achi, 18, was remanded on the 8th inst., on a charge of being in company with the complainant on the 8th ult., with intent to commit a felony, was again brought up to the court on the 10th inst., and the two defendants beat him.

The defence of the prisoners said that complainant struck the first defendant on the head, when the second went to his assistance.

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Several friends of defendant's were called, who corroborated the above evidence, and the charge was dismissed.

## Law Notices.

## IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.

Thursday, 11th Nov., 1880.

## IN BANKRUPTCY.

In the matter of Wong Yau Mu, and Tang Sik Ling, Bankrupts.—Application for order of discharge.

In Registrar's Office at 11 o'clock.—In the matter of Dhrandam Dayomoul, a Bankrupt.—Adjourned first meeting of Creditors.

## ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.

In Chambers at 11 o'clock.—Sandes v. Forber.—Summons for leave to return Stock list to Valuator for amendment.

Kwan Bol Chune and ora. v. Fong Sui Fung and ora.—Summons on behalf of Reclaimers for further directions.

Mok Koon Kow and ora. v. Chan Quan Ho and ora.—Summons for discovery of documents.

Tan Koong Ping v. Tam Siu San.—Summons to show cause why \$400 should not be paid out of estate to defray certain building expenses.

## Police Intelligence.

(Before the Hon. M. S. Tonney.)

Wednesday, Nov. 10.

## NO LIGHT OR PASS, AND ASSAULTING POLICE.

Le Achak, 26, son of Achak, 26, charged with assaulting his wife, and also assaulting the Police while in the execution of his duty, on the night of the 9th inst., and were sentenced to be imprisoned for one month, the first fourteen days to be in solitary confinement, and remainder with hard labour.

## LARCENY OF FISH.

Cheung Achak, 27, hawkers, was convicted of stealing a basket of fish, value \$3 from a fishmonger in the Central Market, and was sentenced to six weeks' imprisonment with hard labour, and to be exposed in the stocks for three hours at the scene of offence.

## ASSAULT.

Tam Asung, 30, cook, and Li Achai, 26, were charged with assaulting Ho Awa, a painter, living in a house same as defendants. First prisoner accused complainant of stealing a jacket from him, and caused him to pay for it, and the second complained of being struck by the complainant, and refusing to accept the account.

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## ASSAULT AND ABUSE.

The case in which José V. Xavier charged Maria Durão (or Durand), a abusive language and assault, and which was remanded yesterday, was again before the Court; Mr Dunnings appearing for the defendant.

Complainant lodges in the same house with defendant and her mother, and a quarrel appears to have taken place between them, when complainant proposed to settle up accounts. Some rather strong language was exchanged, and defendant slapped the complainant upon the face with her slipper.

Defendant was ill at the time of the disturbance, and was in bed when complainant came to ask for a settlement of account.

Several friends of defendant's were called, who corroborated the above evidence, and the charge was dismissed.

## (Before the Hon. Ng Choy.)

## DRUNK AND INCAPABLE.

Hermon Scheideler, 41, of the German barque *Weser*, was fined 25 cents, with the alternative of one day's imprisonment for being drunk and incapable.

## BODGES AND VAGABOND.

Vun Aze, 29, was fined a dollar, in default to be imprisoned with hard labour for three days, as a vagabond and vagabond, and was fined \$15, in default three weeks' imprisonment.

## BREAKAGE OF OPUM ORDINANCE.

Pong Asan, 45, coolie, was convicted of retailing opum without a license, and was fined \$15, in default three weeks' imprisonment.

The only other witness produced was Dr C. Gorlack, the physician attending complainant, who gave evidence to the effect, that complainant was suffering from fever and ague, and that on the 6th inst., she came to witness and showed him a bruise on her arm, said to have been caused by defendant, which was swollen and inflamed, and might have been caused by a blow.

Defendant denied the charge of assault, but was fined \$5.

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## GAMBLING ON THE CHINESE RECREATION GROUND.

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## LI ANMING, 26, cook, was fined \$25

## THE CHINA MAIL.

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## RUSSIA AND CHINA.

The St. Petersburg advises that, in spite of the peaceful feeling which has been exhibited on both the Russian and the Chinese side with reference to the Kuldja Question, fears of an eventual conflict have not yet disappeared. The news from the frontier, indeed, sounds very warlike. The Russians are carrying on their armament on a great scale, and if a telegram from General Lewaschoff, received in Tashkend, is to be believed, a Chinese army is already on the way to the frontier, and encounters with the natives, who are Chinese, but hostile to China, have taken place. The compilation is announced of a fort at Tarsakan, midway between Fort Douz Ouloum and Khoja Kal, thus giving General Skobeleff command over the source of one of the most important affluents of the Atrek. The cost of Russia's preparations for war with China is estimated at above a million of pounds sterling. M. Butzow, who recently left for Peking via Geneva, has returned to St. Petersburg. The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Standard writes:—

"The Russo-Chinese affair has taken a sudden and an unexpected turn. When the Emperor left for Lhasa, taking with him M. de Giers, it had been fully decided to transfer the negotiations to Peking. The Marquess Tsien's mission was considered closed; the Ambassador himself thought soon to leave for London, and Secretary Shao actually set out on his way to China, as did M. Butzow, the Russian Minister to Peking, who had carried through the negotiations with Chung How, resulting in the defunct treaty of Lhasa. It seems, however, that M. Butzow and Shao have both returned to St. Petersburg. Adding to these facts the negative evidence afforded by the absence of any preparation for departure on the part of the Chinese Mission still in this capital, I think the conclusion may safely be drawn that the Russian Government has been induced to reconsider its recent decision, and that one more attempt will be made to adjust the difference between Russia and China before transferring the negotiations to Peking. It is obvious that a Treaty signed under such conditions would be far more conducive to a lasting settlement of the dispute than one that must inevitably bear the stamp of having been forced from China under pressure of a naval demonstration. The want of good maps and the indiscriminate employment of the names of Kuldja and Ili, by which Russia and China respectively designate one and the same territory, have done much to confuse public opinion and prevent a full recognition of the vast importance of the proposed cession to Russia of the territory she holds, properly speaking, in trust for China. A glance at the map published by the Russian Government after the signature of the Treaty of Lhasa shows that the country coveted by Russia is, in very fact, a wedge thrust into China to the north of Kashgaria completely cutting off the latter province from the town of Ili or Kuldja, and further giving Russia possession of the Muuz and other passes through the Tien Shan, which will enable her to command the road leading from China proper to the City of Kashgar. The Ili territory is the heart of Central Asia, and whoever holds it is master of the surrounding countries, and the absorption of Kashgaria by Russia, if only she is allowed to maintain her position, becomes merely a question of time. It may fairly be questioned whether the best plan for China would not be, in the event of her failing to recover possession of Kuldja, to restore to Kashgaria her independence under an Anglo-Chinese protectorate. Since Forsyth's journey, it is needless to insist upon England's interest in the country of Abyl Thayr, or the six cities of which Yarkand is one—a country conterminous with Kashgar, to which it furnishes the staple of its principal industry."

Major-General Levasheff telegraphs from Tarbinsk, under date July 29, that a Dugit, returning from China, says 74,000 troops on the road to Kuldja have been delayed by severe fighting near Lan Tsoh. 34,000 troops, including 11,000 Dungans, are said to be fighting with a force numbering 30,000, partly composed of Chinese regular troops. This news requires confirmation.

It is stated that, if war should break out between Russia and China, the Czar's third son, the Grand Duke Alexei, will proceed to the Pacific as Commander-in-Chief of the Russian Fleet.

**SCOTCH COURTESY.**—Surely never was a declaration made in quainter fashion, saving perhaps by the Scotch bairn who led the manse-house-maid to the churchyard, and, pointing with his finger, stammered: "My folk lie there. Mary, I wad ye like to lie there?" It is plain the notion did not scare her, any more than did the Galloway girl, who, when Jack, coming into the kitchen, while she was preparing breakfast, said, "I think I'll marry ye, Jean!" answered, "I would be muckle obliged to ye if ye would!" and so concluded the bargain; not even stipulating, like another ready lassie on accepting as suidhan an offer, "But ye maun give me my dues o' courtin, for a' that Jamie."—Chamber's Journal.

Two sovereign princes who have abdicated or been dethroned are still living—namely, Duke Charles II. of Parma, who abdicated in 1849; Duke Bernard of Saxe-Meiningen, who abdicated after the war of 1866; Prince Charles Anthony Hohenzollern, who in 1849 ceded his principality to Prussia. Duke Adolph of Nassau, who was dethroned in 1866; Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands, dethroned in 1885; the Grand Duke Ferdinand IV. of Tuscany, dethroned in 1866; King Francis II. of the Two Sicilies, dethroned in 1860; the Sultan Murad V., dethroned in 1876; King Amadeus of Spain, who abdicated in 1873; and Duke Robert of Parma, dethroned in 1863.

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(Revised June 23, 1880.)

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